

Feb. 24, 2016

To FCC 16-41

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I'm writing about a deep concern for the importance of keeping Rural America type broadcasting on the air.

I grew up on a Nebraska farm. So I learned early on the importance of the farmer's role in producing the food products that feed the nation. The Urban youth growing up today seem to have no idea where their food comes from beyond the grocery store. That's why it's so very important to have stations that have programs of Rural America, not just the high strung nonsense that so much of the stations put out in urbia. We don't want a steady diet of their mind numbing nothingness!

The Weather Channel too is importnat. That's how we determine and plan much of our days and week's activities. This is vitally important to farmers and growers, and all those involved in feeding America and even many parts of the world.

Wake up America! It's high time that Urban America stops to think where and how the food comes from that is on their tables, whether it be at home or at a resturant. Without the dairyman and their cows, there would be no milk products, without the farmer's grain crops, there would be no bread and pastries, with those growing fruit in their orchards there would be no fruit or nuts available, or if there were no gardeners then we would have no vegetables, etc. etc. Without programs like Rural America that farmers and growers depend on what they can do to raise their crops more economically, and how to manage our water supply as our population grows, there needs to be this communication available to help both the Urban and Rural America survive.

We're disgusted with the few folks who try to decide for us what we can watch. We don't have time for sports, nor enjoy endless sports. We are NOT Sports Addicts! There is more to life then just sports.

I'm a retired Florist and Greenhouse grower, so the Rose Parade in California is a must watch TV program to watch on Jan. first.

We in Rural America also have to have our fun TV time, like Polka Music, Hee Haw, Cowboy Church, Gentile Giant horse shows, to name a few.

Recently our community got rid of our cablx provider and went to Cobalt. Instead of being able to watch the few programs that we wanted to watch, we were forced to buy a package deal of lots of station's programs, many we have to pay for now which we have absolutely no use of or intend to ever watch. For Senior Citizens on a limited fixed income, this creates an unfair hardship! We'd like a simple basic Rural affordable package. I hope FCC can help us with this.

We don't watch Murder and Cop Shows, they just generate and contribute to the violence in America. We prefer programs that are uplifting and helpful, not tear down!

We want to keep RFD Rural America TV Shows left on the air and the freedom to choose the kind of programs they know we'll want to see & hear. Please FCC help these Rural Stations stay on the air. We need them.

Sincerely;

A Concerned Citizen:

Mrs. E. M. Quiring

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Dawn and Cotton Read
5875 Highway 550
Durango, Co 81303
970 247-5199

February 24, 2016

Re: Proceeding No. 16 - 41

Dear FCC:

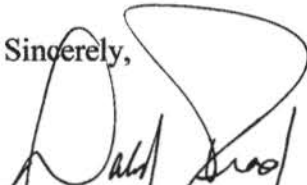
My husband and I watch RFD-TV on Direct TV. We consider the programming exceptionally informative, upbeat, enlightening and without par.

As a sole and unique source of information, education and networking, we believe that RFD TV has become critically important to the entire United States agricultural industry.

Because of its 15 years of hard, incessant work and commitment, RFD TV has now become an irreplaceable component of support and enablement for every component of American Agriculture. As such, American's access to RFD TV can honestly be alleged to be directly and significantly correlated to the strength of this country.

Like a public service utility, universal access to RFD TV should be protected, assured and valued for the sake of all Americans.

Sincerely,



Dawn and Cotton Read
Durango, Colorado

February 25, 2016

Dear FCC, Proceeding 16-41

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Leroy Strack
P. O. Box 541
Salado, Texas 76571
Phone: 254-947-9175

I watch RFD-TV on Dish.

I am a faithful viewer of RFD-TV. Having grown up around farming and cattle, I think it is very important for the public to view how we get our farm commodities from the start to the grocery store. In today's world, much of the public is unaware of what is involved, and stations like RFD-TV inform them of this process.

Also, on the entertainment side, I enjoy the rodeos and tractor/machinery programs, as well as country music shows, such as Larry's Country Diner and The Bill Anderson Show.

Please consider that this station continue to be available for our enjoyment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leroy Strack
Beverly Strack

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FCC
C/O RFD-TV
49 Music Square West
Nashville, TN 37203

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Dear FCC, Proceeding number 16-41
CC To: Patrick Gottsch,

First of all I have never written before so first off I want to thank you for Purchasing and Saving Trigger. My husband was so happy to see Trigger in the Rose Bowl Parade that year.

Now for 16-41 comment: I had my DISH on pause for 9 months and just had it turned back on and was so glad to find RFD was on along with the Outdoor Channel, The sportsman Channel, the Weather Channel, Blue Highways TV and other Rural channels. I have just had over the air antenna since we were in a big move. We moved from our home in Pleasant View, CO (Population 100), couldn't get more rural than that. The DISH guy had to come from Farmington NM to hook us up.

Back to Sun City, AZ, We rented the Hopper so I could record all kinds of programming and RFD was one of the first. The first show I turned on was Hee Haw and for the first time in months, my husband looked at the TV and paid attention. You have to understand that my husband has Lewy Body dementia and won't watch TV unless I make him look. He watched that whole program that night and remembered it and the people on the show. This is the first time in many months he has remembered anything from the past and I am one of the people he doesn't know. He even got up and danced to the music. Asks me why they quit making that show. Then we watched Larry's Country Diner, Marty Stuart, with him paying attention the whole time. First sane question in ages. I was always thrilled in Pleasant View when I could bring up the weather channel and it gave me weather in my town and anywhere I wanted to know. We haven't seen a fishing or hunting show in ages so the Outdoor Channel got his attention too. Fishing, hunting, rodeo, and superior Auctions are the things he cares about. During the Rose Parade I missed having RFD due to their great Coverage of the parade and the way they pointed all the equestrian units. Plus additional shows featuring the horses. We used to have horses and watched all the training and breaking shows for our horses.

I can't tell you how much this network means to ME and my husband's well being for now. They say music will wake up the brain and I swear to God that HEE Haw did that for him. I can't wait for new shows from Marty Stuart that he promised last week. Country Family Reunions are another must have show for him.

These are my "minor" problems that RFD TV is getting me through each day now. Without these Independent Channels, I probably wouldn't even have DISH. But thanks to their DVR I will be a loyal fan for as long as I can get these programs for him to enjoy. I'm very thankful DISH has kept this programming.

Sincerely,



Sue Dusenberry
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Dear FCC

Proceeding # 16-41

I Watch RFD-TV on Direct TV. We've watched it For many, many years and also had watched the Rural Channel when we were on Dish network.

I grew up on a farm and my husband and I owned a 30 Acre⁺ Farm For over 40 yrs. and raised crops and ~~beef~~ cattle. We had to sell the farm last year due to health problems.

We enjoy all the programs on RFD TV, especially the music programs, tractor sales and shows, Farm related programs, rodeos and market reports.

We ask you to please keep the option open for Direct TV and Dish network to continue airing the RFD TV programming.

Thank You,

Ruth Ann Apple

1432 Main St.

M^cAlisterville, Pa 17049

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P.S. We watched RFD TV 95% of the time!

Ruth Ann Apple

2-24-2016

Dear FCC:

RE - Preceding # 16-41

I am writing you because we watch RFD-TV - probably 60-70% of the time. It is a very important channel to us as I know it is to a lot of people. There is everything on it. News, cattle, rodeo's, markets, country music you name it and it is on RFD-TV - This is one of the best channels on the networks and to just drop it is not right. We pay for it on our basic channels. Thank goodness our network (DirecTV) does carry it. ~~ROCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL~~ I hope it can be added to other networks.

Please protect the independent programming and please PLEASE make Verizon FIOS bring back RFD-TV to all its customers and make the other networks continue to carry it.

We all love this channel. It is one of the best family channels on TV. We are retired (but previous farmers) and we love this channel.

Please help us out !!

Thank you
Ruth Close

P.O. Box 142
Greens Fork, IN 47345

2/24/16

Docket # 16-41

Dear Sir: FCC

I am writing about the threat of canceling
RFD-TV. The music & entertainment
shows on the weekend are outstanding
and something no other channel has.
We stay glued to the TV on Sat &
Sun. nights watching RFD and don't
know what we would do without it.

So, please keep it on the air!

Sincerely,

Sandra W. Hawkins

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Ms Sandra W Hawkins
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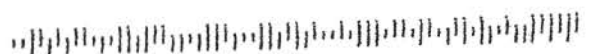
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% RFD-TV

Music Square West

Suite 301

Nashville, TN 37203



Dear FCC. 16 47 DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

I am writing in Regards to
Verizon Dropping R.F.D. + V.

It seems to me Verizon has way
to much power and authority in their
Programming.

Verizon should not be allowed to
drop Programs just because they Dont
suite their needs

R.F.D. + V is a very important channel
for agriculture, weather markets and
general information, they are a very clean
Family Channel.

they have Programs that should be
important to everyone, even City People.

I sincerely hope the F.C.C. will
Stop Verizon from Dropping R.F.D. + V.

I enjoy all their Programming. there
is no Violence in any of their programming
as in comparison with other Channels.

Please Stop Verizon from dropping
R.F.D. + V

Sincerely

Roger Reibramen

Box 233

Hiltonka Ia 50480

Dear F.C.C. 16.41

I am very upset that Verizon has
Dropped RFD-TV.

RFD-TV is a very family oriented
channel with something for everyone
I watch it about 90% of the time.

I enjoy the music weather and
general information it offers.

Why a Verizon corporation has
the power to cancel or drop a
very informative channel is beyond
common sense.

I am dropping my Verizon Cell
Phone.

Please use your influence to stop
Verizon.

Much of their programming (RFD-TV)
is important to Senior Citizens.

Please Stop Verizon.

Sincerely
Doris Rebsamen
123 Ingham
Atoka La 50480

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Dear Patrick, Dotch + Staff

I am writing in every kind of support me + my wife can offer. We truly enjoy every program on RFD. We live on a little farm + have had RFD since the early 2000's. It is truly the cleanest + most entertaining programming of any TV stations on TV. Everyone can view this station, being young or old. We enjoy all the country programs + all the Polka's, auctions, Antique tractor shows + the informative ag prices, cooking shows and all the products made here in the good old U. S. A.

We do appreciate the fight you are putting into this against the big networks who are trying to break up our rural way of life.

Where would all the mouths be here in America + all over the world if it weren't for our ranchers + farmers.

We know you are all God loving people, so God bless you all + for your efforts.

God Bless Georgiana + Charles Johnson
Chabba Miller
8710 Lake Town Rd 55318

1641
I am a Senior Citizen and watch a lot
of programs on RFD TV. Please keep
the channel on the air. Please.
A lot of Americans + farm people watch it

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RFD TV
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37203

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As a RFD viewer, I am writing to express my feelings.

I understand that 75% of the TV viewers live in the cities but its the 25% of rural viewers who feed the country and we like the programming that RFD provides -

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It keeps the farmers and ranchers abreast of the way the market is going so they can plan their operations.

They also provide the entertainment that the rural population enjoy.

Please see that the RFD Program and other small stations that provide these services are continued in the future.

Thank you,

Gay & Linda Borden

Rising Sun, Md. 21911

443-877-0526

Attention:

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RFD-TV- Patrick Gottack 1641

Our household depends on channels such as RFD, it covers rural and urban, country - city and connects America.

Retired viewers (70+) grew up on farms, we all have someone on the homeplace, like my brother.

Media is broken, unbalanced, controlled by big companies. The older population is not computer dependent, we don't watch basic channel TV with all the new shows and reality shows. We connect with channels like those carrying old shows.

We enjoy country music, Saturday night on Music Row; would like more Branson + Nashville programming.

Enjoy the Preslups, Marty Stuart, Ray Stevens, Molly B. Hewitt, Midwest Country, Gather Vocal, Joey + Rory etc. etc.

This is serious for older viewers, there is nothing for us on modern day programming, except Wheel of Fortune. We also still enjoy Andy Griffith + Ope and Everybody Loves Raymond.

The News is so bad, can't watch too much of it. No RFD is a formula for disaster. Help! We support all you are doing for rural America.

Thank you

Tony + Darlene Sellner

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16-41

Feb. 25, 2016

FCC

c/o RFD JB

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Nashville, TN 37203

From: W.L. & Flora Hopkins

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Dish Satellite is our
service. We enjoy many
programs on RFD JB

→ ~~Tractor~~ & other farm related
shows (Docket File COPY ORIGINAL)

Presley, Marty, Stewart, Lee Ann,
Molly B. Polka, Larry's Country
Diner, different programs
of country music,

The Hopkins



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✈ Please help keep
RFD music - weather
and Farm Reports
on the air - There
is a lot of dirty
language - and
Bad pictures that
we sr don't like



Feb 25, 2016

Dear FCC.

Ref- 16-41

my name is
Hellen Null

842 Howell Rd.

Rockwall, Texas 75082

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I have had Dish TV for 8 yrs.
I watch RFD all the time
especially music on Thurs Larry Green
Family Reunion, Presley, Marty Stuart,
Vince & Dale, Ray Stevens and Texas
Country Reporter along with others.
I am elderly and don't go to movies
or care about them. But Lone Star &
Country ^{music} It should be a Basic
Choice as we don't have money.

My sister decided to change her
internet, TV and everything to Verizon
about 2 or 3 mo ago. And talked
some of her friends in going
with Verizon. but called me very
upset when Verizon canceled it.
She called Verizon and has

Wrote you also, a lot of elderly
people are disappointed as they
are home bound and need some
entertainment at home.

Hope this turns out where
Verizon has compassion on older
people as they change to Dish
or Direct TV, that Verizon
deserved to happen. These people
changed for only reason to get
RFD to be cut off 2 mo later

Thank you
Hellen Gull

Feb. 23, 2016

To FCC 16-41 % WRFD,

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not take WRFD
off of the channel.

I know this station is very
popular with farmers and ranchers.

It is very ~~full of~~ ^{DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL} ~~news~~ that is
of interest to them.

The channel WRFD has
many programs of interest to
older people. My husband is
94 yr. and I am 87 yr. and
we very much enjoy the
country-western music of
Molly Bee, Marty Stewart,
Ray Stevens and the polka
music. We cannot get this
kind of programming on any
other station. It would be a

great loss to us if they
were gone. My husband also likes
any program with horses.

Thank you in advance
for your consideration.

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I am writing in
support of R 50

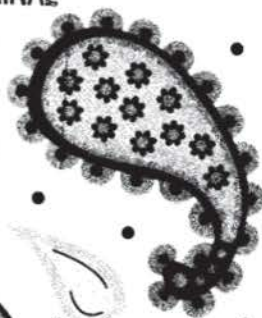
I get you on Direct.

So many of the shows
appeal ~~to~~ to both
Country and people. City.
Example: The Cooking
shows; Texas highways,
Michigan travelers,
train, Native American,
polka, horse shows
all the music shows
Gospel, Country, Blue Grass
These are family
oriented, for senior
citizens and children
education found on PBS
stations.

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Grew up on a
grain & livestock
farm now living
in a small
town.

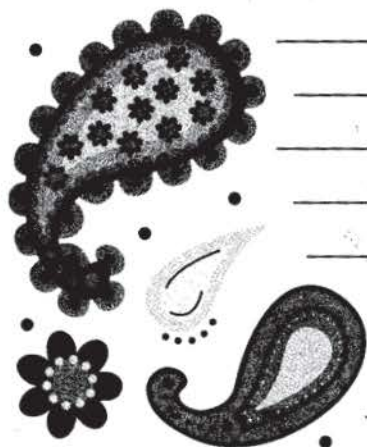
(1) Thank you.



Shirley Gamble

513 Douglas Dr
Johnson City, MO
60936

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Feb. 23, 2016

Dear FCC

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I watch RFDTV on Comcast cable for which I pay 9.95 extra each month as it has been placed in a sports package.

As a farmer this is very important to us to provide markets, agriculture information and personal safety.

The weather channel is also much needed.

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Charles Harlow
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